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SUBJECT: INDIA- PAKISTAN ROUNDUP

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SUMMARY: INDIA APPARENTLY MOVING CAUTIOUSLY ON SUBCONTINENTAL PROBLEMS. FONMIN SWARAN SINGH TOLD LOK SABHA (LOWER HOUSE) MARCH 22 INDIA MIGHT TAKE INITIATIVE, BUT CONTEXT SUGGESTS HE NOT TALKING ABOUT POW'S AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICERS MAINTAIN REAL INITIATIVE SHOULD COME FROM PAKISTAN. EXCHANGE OF 6,500 FAMILIES OF DETAINEES FOR 15,00 BENGALIERS MAKING PROGRESS. IN MEANTIME, INDIA IS ACQUIESCING IN BANGLADESH EXERTING PRESSURE ON PAKISTAN BY THREATENING WAR CRIMES TRIALS, ALTHOUGH INDIAN OFFICIALS NOTE WHEN PRESSED THAT DATE STILL NOT RPT NOT SET FOR TRIALS. END SUMMARY.

1. INDIAN INITIATIVE? SWARAN SIGH REPLIED ORALLY IN LOK

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SABHA MARCH 22 THAT INDIA " DESIROUS OF INITIATING FOLLOW- UP ACTION SO THAT MATTERS ENVISAGED IN SIMLA AGREEMENT AS MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED AND SETTLED BETWEEN THESE TWO COUNTRIES (I. E. INDIA AND PAKISTAN) COULD BE SUBJECT MATTER OF DISCUSSION AND SETTLEMENT." HE LATER SAID WHILE INDIA WOULD WELCOME MEETINGS BELOW SUMMIT LEVEL, PAKISTAN HAD SAID FURTHER MOVES SHOULDANDING. CONSEQUENTLY, EAST GERMANS WERE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR INDIAN HOSPITALITY AND WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE MRS. GANDHI'S SCHEDULE ON SHORT NOTICE. HE CONTINUED THERE WERE LARGE AREAS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN EAST BERLIN AND NEW DELHI AND NO SERIOUS DIFFERENCES. (HOWEVER, EAST GERMANS ARE CURRENTLY FRUSTRATED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FROM MAHARANI OF GWALIOR FOR NEW CHANCERY, BECAUSE OF RETROACTIVE CLAUSE IN PROPOSED URBAN CEILING LAW ON PROPERTY TRANSFERS. THEY FIND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS UNHELPFUL IN THIS MATTER.) KAWRETZKE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVED INDO- US AND SINO- INDIAN RELATIONS. HE SEES A LINK AND PREDICTS STRAIN IN INDO- SOVIET RELATIONS IF LATTER MATERIALIZES. HE CHARACTERIZED SINO- EAST GERMAN RELATIONS AS " CORRECT" ONLY AND ATTRIBUTED COOLNESS TO CHINESE IDEOLOGICAL ABERRATIONS. ACTING POL COUNSELOR'S COMMENT THAT INDIA COULD PERHAPS HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL THREE MAJOR POWERS BROUGHT POLITE SKEPTICISM.

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